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1. KREISBERG SPOKE TO HAIDER IN THE PM'S SECRETARIAT JULY 2 AND LEARNED, NOT SURPRISINGLY, THAT NOT MUCH IS HAPPENING ON THE HARCOS/FLETCHER CASE. THE CHIEF SECRETARY OF WEST BENGAL IS ABSOLUTELY CORRECT THAT THE ACTION IS BACK WITH THE HOME MINISTRY, HAIDER SAID, BUT THE HOME MINISTRY-WITH A NEW HOME SECRETARY AND A NUMBER OF OTHER PROBLEMS IN THE LAST WEEK-HAS NOT BEEN SPENDING MUCH TIME THINKING ABOUT HARCOS/FLETCHER. HAIDER SAID HE HAD SPOKEN LAST WEEK WITH FONSEC KEWAL SINGH AND HAD SHOWN HIM BOTH SCHNEIDER'S LETTER TO THE PM'S SECRETARY, P.N. DHAR, AND KRIESBERG'S LETTER TO HAIDER. THE FONSEC HAD AGREED TO DISCUSS THE CASE WITH THE NEW HOME SECRETARY AS SOON AS THIS SEEMED FEASIBLE. IN THE MEANTIME, HAIDER ENCOURAGED THE EMBASSY TO SUGGEST THAT CONSUL GENERAL KORN AGAIN ASK CHIEF MINISTER RAY ABOUT THE CASE. HAIDER OBSERVED THAT THE KEY PROBLEM WAS A LACK OF MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOWB AND THE HOME MINISTRY AND ANYTHING WE WOULD GET RAY TO DO WOULD BE TO THE GOOD.

2. COMMENT: WE NOTE TWO DISCOURAGING ASPECTS OF THIS CONVERSATION: (A) AFTER HAVING MOVED INTO THE PM'S SECRETARIAT FOR ACTION, THE CASE NOW SEEMS TO BE BACK WITH MEA WHICH HAD LET IT DRAG FOR MONTHS PREVIOUSLY; HAIDER DUCKED
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A QUESTION AS TO WHY P. N. DHAR COULD NOT DIRECTLY DEAL WITH

THE HOME SECRETARY ON THE MATTER, OBSERVING THE CASE IS ONE WHICH PROPERLY BELONGS WITH MEA. P.N. DHAR HAS NOT BEEN MENTIONED IN THE PRESS IN THE LAST FEW WEEKS, IS REPUTED TO BE ABOUT TO BE REPLACED IN THE NEXT COUPLE OF MONTHS, AND WE SUSPECT MAY HAVE LOST MUCH OF HIS FORMER INFLUENCE. (B) THE OLD GAME OF SHUTTLE-COCK BETWEEN THE GOWB AND HOME MINISTRY REMAINS IN PROCESS. CHIEF MINISTER RAY HAS BEEN VAGUE IN THE PAST AND WE SUSPECT HE WILL CONTINUE TO BE BAGUE, BUT STILL THINK THE CASE SHOULD BE RAISED WITH HIM BY KORN. INDEED, WE THINK KORN SHOULD REVIEW THIS LATEST CONVERSATION WITH THE PM'S SECRETARIAT WITH RAY WHEN HE CALLS ON HIM AND EXPRESS THE STRONGEST HOPE THAT AN EARLY SOLUTION CAN BE FOUND TO THE PROBLEM OF RESOLVING THE HARCOS AND FLETCHER CASE AND GETTING THEM OUT OF INDIA. SAXBE

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